Statement

Details of proposed expansion and release of New Telephone connections in Eastern Suburbs of Bombay

	1988-89	1989-90
Proposed Expansion	Equipped capacity of 18,200 lines	Equipped capacity of 22,000 lines

Details of proposed Exchange-wise release of New Telephones Category-wise in Eastern Suburbs of Bombay are as follows:—

Exchange	1988-89			1989-90		
	GENL.	OYT	SPL	GENL.	OYT	SPL
Chembur . .	928	928	464	702	702	351
Mankhurd .	1952	1952	976	..	..	..
Ghatkopar .	2160	2160	1080	..	..	..
Powai . .	..	..	..	1440	1440	720
Mulund . .	1080	1080	540	3240	3240	1620
Thane . . (including Mumbra in 1989-90)	432	432	216	2880	2880	1440

Shifting of the office of the Area Manager of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Bombay

1409. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that previously the Area Manager (East) of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Bombay had its office in its own building at Ghatkopar (West);

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the shifting of this office to a rented premises at Vikhroli, a lot of complaints have been received from the public about the inconveniently located office at the new premises;

(c) if so, what are the reasons to shift the office to rented premises; and

(d) what steps have been taken to shift the office to a convenient and proper premises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some complaints from subscribers of Matunga area were received. This area has since been placed under the charge of Area Manager (North) whose office is near to Matunga.

(c) and (d) The space was originally meant for the installation of telephone exchange only but the space was utilised for housing the office of Area Manager (East) till the coming up of the installation of the exchange thereat. This office has already shifted to Vikhroli which is quite central to the area it served.

Amount given from DPE Accounts

1410. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has given loan to certain drug companies from Drug Prices Equalisation Account;

(b) if so, what are the names of those companies and the amount given as loan to each;